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Dear Dr. Newcombe:

As we were leaving, when last we met, I recall that we were discussing some of your experiments which indicated that the end-point mutants were, indeed, not an expression of phenotypic delay but of delayed genotypic alteration (be it segregation or mutation). I am writing a bit of a review of the subject, and would appreciate learning from you what you might care to have said about it; there is no other clearcut evidence in print that the delay is not merely phenotypic. If you would prefer to leave these experiments off the record, I should still like to have them clarified in my mind, and anything you would care to write down on the subject would be greatly appreciated.

As to using K-12 mutants for recombination analysis, we are still anxious to see them used for the purpose which God intended: genetic analysis. However, we shall be here only three weeks longer or so.

Best regards to Mrs. Newcombe,

Yours sincerely,

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